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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Koichi WATANABE et al.
Title: SPUTTERING TARGET
Appl. No.: 09/720,730
Appl. Filing Date: 12/29/2000
Examiner: S. Ip
Art Unit: 1742

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Commissioner for Patents
Box RCE
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on January 23, 2003.
- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ___ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ___.
- ☐ Other ___.

b. Enclosed are:

- ☐ Amendment/Reply.

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- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of ___ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Other

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e)							\$750.00		\$750.00
Total Claims:	22	—	22	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independents:	5	—	5	=	0	x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:						+	\$280.00	=	\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:									\$750.00

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$410.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$930.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,450.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,970.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$110.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$860.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$860.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$860.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the

Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date February 21, 2003

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